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A Supplementary European Search Report dated November 17, 2006 is attached together with a copy of each document listed on the PTO Form 1449 that is not a U.S. patent or U.S. patent publication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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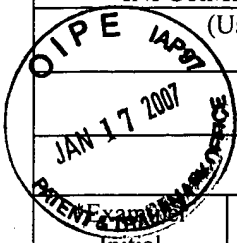


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